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Florida House Passes Comprehensive Growth Management Legislation to Increase Economic Activity

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Florida House passing CS/HB 7129 Growth Management.

“Florida’s current repressive growth management process fails to recognize the importance of economic development in creating and sustaining healthy communities. This legislation is a step in the right direction to give businesses the tools to get Floridians back to work.

“I commend Chair Workman for his effort to produce legislation that modernizes our planning system to ensure its relevance for the 21st century by providing flexibility for local governments to address the needs of their local communities. Florida’s geographic diversity does not allow for a ‘one-size fits all’ approach to state and local planning. This legislation will allow us to focus state resources on issues of state significance and allow local governments to attend to local matters.

“Additionally, this bill rightly focuses on producing an environment ripe for job creation. This comprehensive reform eliminates layers of state-mandated bureaucracy and removes duplicative reviews that slow down the development process, allowing for greater government efficiency. By abolishing needless regulations and requirements at the state and local levels of government, we can limit the scope of government and encourage greater private sector economic activity for our state.”

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